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SUBJ: TRANSIT OF EAST EUROPEAN FISHING VESSELS THROUGH CANAL

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1. POLISH FISHING VESSEL GEMINI ARRIVED CRISTOBAL CZ ON 9 MARCH 1975 EN ROUTE FROM GDYNIA TO "PACIFIC FISHING GROUNDS", GEMINI IS 2,680 GROSS REGISTERED TONS; 1,132 NET REGISTERED TONS WITH OVERALL LENGTH OF 289 FEET AND BEAM OF 49 FEET. OWNERS AND OPERATORS ARE DALMOR, GDYNIA. NO CHARTERERS. SHE CARRIES CREW OF 85. MASTER'S NAME: BOLES LAW IWANSKI. AFTER TAKING 300 TONS BUNKERS IN CRISTOBAL, SHE TRANSITED PANCANAL AND CLEARED FOR SEA ON 11 MARCH. MASTER TOLD SHIP'S AGENT GEMINI WILL FISH OFF MEXICO. SHE CARRIES NO CARGO.

2. POLISH FISHING TRAWLER CRATER ARRIVED BALBOA CZ 10 MARCH 1975 EN ROUTE FROM SALINA CRUZ, MEXICO, TO GDYNIA WITH 792 TONS OF FISH DESCRIBED AS HAKE AND HALIBUT. PAST ITINERARY REFLECTS PORT VISITS TO ENSENADA, MEXICO, ON 26 DECEMBER 1974 AND 25 FEBRUARY 1975. AFTER TAKING 250 TONS BUNKERS IN BALBOA, CRATER TRANSITED PANCANAL AND PROCEEDED TO SEA ON 11 MARCH 1975.

3. POLISH REFRIGERATED CARGO VESSEL HALNIAK ARRIVED BALBOA CZ EN ROUTE FROM NE PACIFIC FISHING GROUNDS TO SWINOUJSCIE, POLAND, AND HELSINGBORG, SWEDE, WITH 2,712 TONS FROZEN FISH
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AND FISH MEAL WHICH, ACCORDING TO MASTER, CONSISTS OF HAKE,

HALIBUT AND HERRING CAUGHT BY 4 POLISH TRAWLERS IN NE PACIFIC
GROUNDS. HALNIAK TRANSITED PANCANAL AND PROCEEDED TO SEA
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